

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of January 21, 2010 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the air cover plate has an air filter configured to enable air at a predetermined pressure to pass therethrough and directs the filtered air at the predetermined pressure uniformly across the pagewidth of inkjet nozzles during printing. Support for this amendment can be found at page 7, lines 5-18 and page 25, lines 9-15 of the present application;

dependent claim 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Response to Amendment

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Haan in view of King, because neither Haan nor King teach or suggest directing filtered air at a predetermined pressure uniformly across a pagewidth, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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